

Subject: A disputed coal bill

Thomas Ward Coal Company
[79th St. + North River]

1926

February 27th, 1926

Thomas Ward Coal Company
79th St. & North River
New York City

Gentlemen:

Shortly after the last lot of coke (consisting of three tons) arrived, our janitor telephoned you that it came badly frozen with a great deal of ice in it. For the next three or four days, our cellar was flooded with water, which entailed much time being expended and wasted in clearing the cellar while the thawing of the ice was taking place. I had no means of judging the quantity of water there - several inches, at least. So far we have received no bill for this three tons, but we feel that we can buy water cheaper than at the rate asked for this coke.

We dug out from the centre of the pile, (which had remained unthawed, more or less), lumps weighing $73\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., and when this amount dried, it weighed $61\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., establishing a ratio of 120 lbs. to 100 lbs. To verify this we made two tests -

We took 100 lbs. of dry coke and saturated it with water, and let it remain a day or so, and the weight then became $124\frac{4}{10}$ lbs.; and we took another lot of 100 lbs. and froze it to as near as possible the condition in which the coke which you sent us, arrived. This weighed 122 lbs.

By these figures, you will see that the water in the coke by weight was about 22%. In consequence, some readjustment in the bill is in order.

Very truly yours,

Curator

3 - 6

3 - 157

3 - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

1 - 7

35 $\frac{1}{2}$

12 - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

12.

61.25:73.5 = 0.83

$\frac{67 \frac{5}{8}}{12 \frac{1}{4}}$

6125/7350 = 1/120
6125
7350
12250
12250

Name _____

Address _____

The American Numismatic Society
156th Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Enclosed find check to your order for \$_____

in payment for silver medal , to commemorate the
bronze

Paul Revere Sesqui-Centennial, to be sent to me by mail to the
above address.

3 lbs

3.7½

3 - 2

3 8

2 13
1 1

4 7½
1

10 0 12.7

^{25%}
fair weight

3.13.

6.2. dry

12.4 12
14.10 14

7.5½ wet

170.

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Office of the President
95 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

100 lbs dry wet 124.4 lbs.
100 lbs dry wet frozen 122. lbs.

73. $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs dry out of the center
of the pile which still partly frozen
and after a number of inches of
water had seeped into the
cellar weights when dry $61\frac{1}{2}$
lbs. or a ratio of 120 to 100.

we figure we are paying for
about 22% water.

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THOMAS WARD COAL Co.

OFFICE AND POCKETS, 79TH STREET AND NORTH RIVER
NEW YORK

PHONES, { 8570 { SCHUYLER
8571 }

March 2nd, 1926.

American Numismatic Society,
155th Street & Broadway,
New York City.

Attention of Howland Wood Esq.

Dear Mr. Wood:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd ult.

Had your janitor reported to us the condition of the coke at the time he received it, we assure you there would have been a thorough investigation on our part of your complaint, but we have no record of ever receiving any complaint from you on this particular shipment of coke, other than your letter just now received.

Our driver reports there was very little snow mixed with the coke he had on his truck which he delivered to you but not the amount of snow as stated in your letter.

We appreciate the action you are taking in the matter and we on the other hand want to make our position clear to you in justice to ourselves and we are also glad to comply with your suggestion that an adjustment on the bill be made.

We are assuming that this particular shipment of coke contained approximately 16% of ice etc., (we arrive at this estimate by taking as a basis the $73\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of coke which you took from the pile and dried out, the result of which showed that there was $61\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of coke and the balance water) We do not believe that this amount of water etc., can be attributed to us as our laborer informs us that he called the janitor's attention to the fact that there was considerable water coming down the sidewalk, where there is a grade from Broadway, and also off the roof and was running directly into the cellar. The janitor said nothing at the time.

Now that you have heard our side of the story we would be pleased to have your views in the matter, bearing in mind the while that we are not entering into any controversy with you, but merely stating our case on the facts as given us by our driver and our laborer.

WRW/AH.

Yours very truly,
THOMAS WARD COAL COMPANY.

Walter R. Ward

Received 3 loads of coke Feb 15.

Weather clear & cold -

Chapfer and laborer had to shake truck
and use shovel to get coke to tumble down after
body of truck was elevated to 45° angle.

Chapfer was asked why it did not run
off and he said it came from the larger that
was in our big frozen mass.

On the 17th Rist called up in the morning
I had was out, in the afternoon got him on the wire
and spoke of the water in furnace room. He said
"He did not put the water in the Coke" I said,
"You would not realize how much water there
was. You send some one up and look it
over."

The laborer putting coke away
had to put boards from doorstep to corresponding
height to bin to keep out of the water. The
doorstep is from 2 to 3 inches above sidewalk
level and ^{water} cannot run in through doorway -

one of the words,

Duck boards -

on the first bill you noted 19⁰⁰ billed at 20⁰⁰
we have a credit of 6⁵⁰

March 4th, 1926

Thomas Ward Coal Co.
79th Street & North River
New York City

Attention - Mr. Walter R. Ward

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 2nd,
I presume that we shall take off 16% from
the last bill, or one-sixth of the bill.

As a matter of fact, our janitor did
telephone your office two hours after the
arrival of the coke, and had a talk with
your brother. Your brother tells me to-
day that he recalls the circumstance.

Also, we had a previous conversation
with someone in your office with regard to
the bill for six tons, which we paid last
week. This man said at that time that we
were entitled to deduct from the next bill
\$6.50 as you quoted us \$19.00 per ton, and
through an error in your book-keeping depart-
ment, we were charged at the rate of \$20.00.

If both these deductions are correct,
our bank shall receive your bill for prompt
payment.

Very truly yours,

Curator